

## FRIENDS SEEK FREEDOM FOR IMPRISONED WOMAN

### Take Deep Interest In Sad Fate of Jessie Morrison Whose Mad Love for Olin Castle Caused Her In Frenzy of Passion To Slash Her Rival to Death With Razor.

## THREE TRIALS END IN LONG SENTENCE

### Youth of Accused and Circumstances Surrounding Case Arouse Statewide Sympathy Among All Classes of People.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 21.—A pardon from Governor Stubbs may be received as a Christmas gift by Jessie Morrison, the Eldorado murderer, who is serving a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary. Ever since the prison gates closed behind the young woman seven years ago unremitting efforts have been made to secure her release. Men and women of wealth and influence have been active in her behalf. Foremost among these was the late Col. Ben T. Murdock, the Eldorado editor and brother of Congressman Victor Murdock, who declared shortly before his death that one of his greatest ambitions was to secure the freedom of Jessie Morrison.

Had Colonel Murdock lived a few months longer, it is extremely probable that he could have seen his ambition realized, for it is generally believed that Governor Stubbs has about made up his mind to pardon the young woman and will take action in the matter at an early date. It is a known fact that Mr. Stubbs himself was inclined several years ago to join the movement for a pardon for Miss Morrison, but since his election to the governorship he has hesitated to take any hasty action in the matter. Recently a petition signed by many of the foremost citizens of Eldorado has been presented to him, asking for the pardon of Miss Morrison.

The case of Miss Morrison is one of the most noted in the criminal records of Kansas. There has never been any question of her guilt of the murder of Mrs. Clara Castle, but those who have urged mercy in her behalf have based their pleas on her age, her sex, and to further fact that the conduct of Olin Castle, her husband, had been such as to arouse Miss Morrison to a frenzied passion.

## INDIANA WOMAN FACES CHARGE OF KILLING HUSBAND WITH POISON

### Declares She Wants to Have "Good Time" and That Head of Family is Not in Sympathy With Her Desire For Pleasure.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 21.—Systematically giving her husband poison for four days, causing his death in order that she might "have a good time," is charged against Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, who is in jail here. Boxes that contained poison and a pair of gloves Mrs. Armstrong had worn to protect her hands when it is alleged, she filled carbolic acid capsules that she persuaded her husband to swallow, were found today by the police in the Armstrong home.

## SLOAN DECLARES PEOPLE UNIT FOR EARLY STATEHOOD MEASURE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In their desire for statehood, the people of Arizona are a unit, says Governor Sloan, in his annual report of affairs of the territory, made to the secretary of the interior today.

"They not only desire it," adds the governor, "but confidently expect to receive it by the present congress. This confidence is based on declarations made in recent political platforms, favorable consideration hitherto given efforts of the territory to obtain admission by the house of representatives. There is seemingly a growing sentiment in favor of early admission on the part of the senate, particularly upon the ground that, in the light of precedent congress hitherto set on admission of new states, statehood is due us as a matter of fair and just treatment."

The population of the territory is estimated at more than 200,000.

## JUDGE LETS ACCUSED GO

### Decides Neither Letters Nor Deeds of Alleged Dummy Entryman Can Be Used as Evidence in Trial.

(By Associated Press.)  
DENVER, Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Lewis today discharged the defendant on trial before him for alleged coal land frauds in Routt county. The proceedings, came to a close when Federal Attorney Ward attempted to introduce a letter, alleged to have been written by one of the defendants to J. W. Atwell, a "dummy" entryman, and the court sustained the objection of the defense to the introduction of the letter on the ground that it was self-incriminating and took away his constitutional rights.

Judge Lewis also held that deeds from several of the defendants to the Union Land company, which the prosecution held to have been fraudulent, could not be introduced to show conspiracy.

It is said that the other big land fraud cases set for trial will now be dismissed.

## PINCHOT SOUNDS WARNING.

(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Gifford Pinchot declared tonight in the chamber of commerce, that unless congress takes action at the present session, "the old system of giving away water power comes as a perpetuity will be resumed."

## FIRE SWEEPS HOSPITAL.

(By Associated Press.)  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 21.—Fire in the Central Hospital for the insane tonight destroyed a portion of the institution. It is believed a few of the inmates are still at large. Other men and women patients who are missing, may have perished.

## STATE TROOPS HOLD NEGROES IN CHECK

(By Associated Press.)  
MAGNOLA, Dec. 21.—With state troops and armed deputies patrolling the streets and public roads, 25 negroes, ring leaders are confined in an improvised stockade and the threatened race war it is believed, has been averted. The excitement is in Kennebec, and every white man's house for miles around is guarded against negroes, who resent the burning of Clint Montgomery, one of four negroes charged with killing Alphonso Lewis.

This section is stirred by reports that negroes are planning to burn homes and murder every white man they could find to-night.

## TWENTY-SEVEN FACE ARREST FOR SMUGGLING

### GRAND JURY INDICT FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRUNK FRAUD, ARREST AND HOLD NINE.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven meddlers, involved in vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of customs frauds which have been brought to light at this port, have been indicted by the federal grand jury, and all probably will be under arrest within twenty-four hours.

Having obtained all evidence necessary to proceed, the government began a general roundup today with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned and held for trial.

## OFFERS STOCK TO WORKMEN.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The finance committee of the United States Steel company voted to offer employees an opportunity of subscribing to preferred stock at 124. An additional bonus of millions of common and preferred will soon be divided among the employees, each taking shares as a bonus of common stock at 99, or preferred at 124. Since the profit-sharing plan was instituted employees have subscribed for 15,000 shares of common and 192,498 of preferred, for which they paid \$1,475,000. At present prices the investments show a profit of \$8,500,000.

## UNITY CONFERENCE MEETS.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The conference of the Commission on Christian Unity opened here today with delegates from nearly every civilized country in attendance. Sir Andrew Fraser, former governor of Bengal, is presiding over the conference and Dr. S. M. Bee of New York, the American delegate, is vice chairman. The principal business before the conference is the preparation of a report that is to be submitted to the world's missionary conference, to be held June 10-24, 1910.

## EARTH REACHES WINTER SOL- STICE.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—For this latitude today is the shortest day of the year, and a velocity tomorrow morning, mean Washington time, the earth will reach the winter solstice which astronomically speaking, marks the beginning of winter. In its annual rush around its elliptical orbit around the sun the earth, twice every astronomical year, reaches points which mark respectively the longest and the shortest distance of the earth from the sun. These points represent the turning points of the four seasons, the vernal equinox and the autumnal equinox when day and night are of equal length, the summer solstice, when the day is longest, and the winter solstice, when the day is shortest and the night longest. On the northern hemisphere the order is reversed and while December 21 usually marks the shortest day of the year on the northern hemisphere, on the southern hemisphere it marks the longest of the year and the beginning of the astronomical summer.

The ancient Greeks called the period, included in the seven days preceding and the seven days following the shortest day of the year "the heptameron days." This phrase is derived from the myth that during this period, while the kinsfolk of Aeneas were in the underworld, the sea was always calm. According to poetic fiction the bird was represented as hatching its eggs in a floating nest in the midst of waters.

## ANNUAL REPORT CALLS FOR CHANGE

### Interstate Commerce Commission Desires Closer and More Stringent Regulations of Railroads and Suggests Amendments to Law.

## BELIEVES SHIPPERS HAVE RIGHTS IN MATTER

### Calls For Legislation That Will Give Power to Establish Fair and Equitable Rates on All Roads.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Recommendations and changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the twenty-third annual report of the interstate commerce commission transmitted today to congress.

Five of the suggestions made by the special committee selected by President Taft to draft changes in the existing interstate commerce act are offered in the report. It is known the commission as a body favors the plans as proposed by the committee, but as a matter of courtesy has refrained from discussing the changes in advance of a special message on the subject, which the president has indicated he will send to congress.

Briefly summarized, the proposed amendments are as follows:

That a physical valuation be made of the interstate railroads of the country which shall be binding on courts and commission.

That the commission be given power to prevent any advances in rates or changes in regulations or practices to the disadvantage of the shipper pending an investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed change.

The commission's authority to establish a joint rate and through rate is limited to cases where no such rate exists, and the commission recommends that this limitation be stricken out of the law so that it may establish through rate wherever upon investigation, it is found desirable.

A further recommendation is that in certain instances the shipper be permitted to direct intermediate routing of traffic also that the law be so amended as to give the commission undoubted authority to enter a corrective order as a result of investigation instituted by the commission upon its own motion.

The commission again calls the attention of congress to the increasing importance of some form of federal control over railroad capitalization.

The opinion is expressed that violations of the law, such as rebating in some form or another, are decreasing.

Some account is given of proceedings during the year in the enforcement of the safety appliance law, and the commission states the results are gratifying.

## REVOLUTIONISTS WIN GREAT BATTLE

### Route Zelayan Forces in Fierce Struggle and Capture Strongholds—American Commands Firing Line.

(By Associated Press.)  
BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 21.—The revolutionists completely routed the Zelayan forces here today. Yesterday captured Recreo and Vasquez, both strongholds, and was victorious all along the eight mile line.

Among the revolutionary ranks was Captain Godfrey Fowler, formerly in the Thirty-third infantry, U. S. A., who commanded the firing line.

Tatumbla was captured this afternoon, after a bloody fight. Tatumbla was one of the strongest posts of the government forces.

## KOREAN STABS PREMIER.

(By Associated Press.)  
SEOUL, Dec. 21.—Premier Yi, head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed fatally today by a Korean.

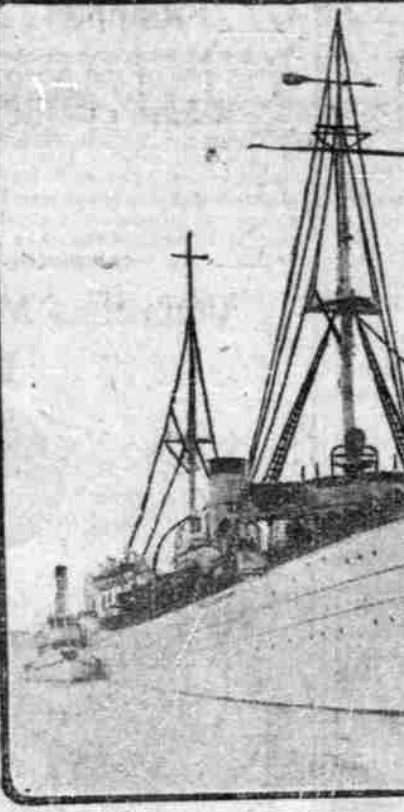
## OFFICERS UNEARTH SMUGGLING EFFORT.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Federal officers today arrested a number of persons alleged to be implicated in a conspiracy to smuggle expensive goods and dry goods into this country.

Arrests were made simultaneously in different parts of the country, two women in Chicago being apprehended on the charge of having a part in the conspiracy to defraud the government, who have already succeeded in smuggling across the line more than \$2,000,000 worth of dutiable goods.

There are twenty-six charged with aiding in the conspiracy and it is understood these have been indicted by the federal grand jury in New York.

## War Ship Has Strenuous Time As It Starts Laden With Men And Munitions of War



(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Wild scenes followed the grounding of the warship *Prairie* in the Delaware river. Officers and 700 marines had been ordered to Central America, when the ship stuck in the mud. So keen was the disappointment of the men as they

## CHIEF OF POLICE ADVISES GUN PLAY

### SUGGESTS THAT CITIZENS SHOOT WITHOUT PARLEY ANYONE IN BLACK MASK.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—Following the recent series of holdups in which saloon keepers and their patrons have been the chief victims of masked robbers, Chief of Police Cox today advised the saloon keepers to "shoot without parley anyone wearing a black mask." This sanguinary advice is the result of the absolute failure of the police to run down the band, or even obtain a clue to his identity. During the past two weeks thirteen holdups have occurred in this city, all supposed to have been committed by a single man, who has become known as "Black Bag Bob."

## MADRIZ TAKES OATH.

(By Associated Press.)  
MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Jose Madriz was inaugurated president of Nicaragua today.

Zelaya made a brief speech saying, "I entreat Nicaraguans to rally to the support of President Madriz, who has made a vow for an early termination of the fratricidal war."

Returning to the hotel, Madriz read his decree announcing political amnesty and release of inmates of the penitentiary. This was greeted with tremendous cheering.

In riots at Granada, Rudolph Downing, an American, was arrested. The American consul at once filed a protest.

## AFFIRM LEOPOLD MAR- RIED BARONESS VAUGHAN.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 21.—A special to the Temps from Brussels affirms that the religious marriage of King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan was solemnized at the Palace, shortly prior to the operation which the King underwent.

## SENATE CONFIRMS BACON.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon, of New York, to be Ambassador to France.

## BALLINGER FEELS HE HAS BEEN WOEFULLY ABUSED

### Makes Plea to Senator Jones of Washington In Which He Sets Out Desire That all Departments of Office of Secretary of Interior Be Probed to the Bottom In Effort to Show Charges are False.

## CLAIMS HE WANTS MOST SEARCHING QUIZ

### Senator Flint Introduces Resolution Calling on President For All Papers in Matter That Led to Dismissal of Glavis.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate today virtually decided upon an inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by adopting a resolution introduced by Senator Flint, of California calling for all papers bearing upon the case.

Senator Jones, of Washington state, said if no one else should propose a resolution of inquiry he would do so after the holidays.

Jones presented a letter from Secretary Ballinger expressing a desire that an investigation be undertaken, and saying if entered upon it should be sufficiently broad and far-reaching to cover the entire subject, including the forest service, which he charges with perfunctory action.

Flint's resolution requested the President to transmit to congress any reports, statements or documents upon which he had acted in reaching his conclusions with reference to the charges of Glavis.

The preamble of this resolution recited the "whereas, L. R. Glavis, then chief of the field division of the general land office in the department of the interior, in the month of August, 1909, laid before the President certain charges against the conduct of the interior department and particularly affecting the action of the secretary of the interior, commissioner general of the land office and chief of field service, said general land office having particular reference to the proceedings in regard to certain coal land claims in the territory of Alaska and

"Whereas, the President thereafter recommended the dismissal from the service of said L. R. Glavis on the grounds that his charges were not sustained and he had been guilty of misrepresentation and concealment of material facts in formulating said charges, therefore the information is enumerated as requested."

Flint had scarcely taken his seat when Senator Jones presented the Ballinger letter which follows:

**BALLINGER WRITES TO JONES.**

"My Dear Senator: Any investigation by congress of the interior department, or of any of its officers should be sufficiently broad and far-reaching to cover the entire subject."

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## COPENHAGEN BRANDS DR. COOK AS SHAMEFUL CONFIDENCE MAN

### Members of Examining Committee Declare His Treatment of the University is Shameful and People are Humiliated By Game He Worked.

(By Associated Press.)  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—Wide-spread indignation over Denmark which has placed virtually the whole of Denmark in a somewhat humiliating position has taken place today on account of the hero-worship heretofore accorded Explorer Cook.

While there have always been some who doubted Cook would be able to prove his claim, few doubted he would at least supply some plausible data and supporting material. The public is unable to comprehend why Cook sent his papers, when he admits in his letter he presented to Prof. Torp by Leftfale, that "it seems unwise and impossible to give final judgment because of the absence of instruments and observations which I left at Etah."

The members of the examining committee are angry over the doctor's behavior. Prof. Stromgren, president of the committee, is furious and tonight characterized Cook's treatment of the university as "shameful."

The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to investigate Cook's claims to having discovered the pole was submitted to the consistory of the university today. The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously the American explorer's title to such discovery.

The public was prepared for the verdict "not proven," but did not expect the recent hero to be branded an impostor.

Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored delusions.

Explorers and scientists have almost entirely lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. Evening papers attacked Cook severely and reproach him with holding what is regarded as a sign of a guilty conscience.

The degree which the university conferred on Cook will be withdrawn. Commodore Gustav Holm, the Arctic explorer, who was a member of the committee, said: "Cook's papers convict him of being a swindler. We agreed unanimously that his observations were worthless."

Professor Olufsen, secretary of the Danish Geographical society, said: "Saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."